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1. EMBOFF DELIVERED NON-PAPER CONTAINING INFO
REFTEL A TO MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION DEPUTY
CHIEF MOVCHAN APRIL 10. EMBOFF GAVE PARTICULAR
EMPAHSIS TO IMPORTANCE OF COINCIDENCE OF SOVIET AND
U.S. VIEWS AND THE THREE CONDITIONS FOR SUPPORT
OF ARCHIPELAGIC PRINCIPLE. HE ALSO STRESSED HOPE
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FOR EARLY EXPRESSION OF SOVIET VIEWS.

2. MOVCHAN OFFERED PERSONAL VIEW THAT SOVIET AND U.S. VIEWS ON THE THREE CONDITIONS REPRESENTED A "COMMON POSITION" AND SAID HE HOPED THAT AFTER STUDY SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE POSITIVE REPLY. MOVCHAN CONFIRMED THAT INDONESIAN LOS DELEGATION WOULD VISIT MOSCOW BUT PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHEN.

3. EMBOFF ALSO LEFT WITH MOVCHAN THE LIST OF MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION FOR APRIL 16-19 MEETING ON SEABED RULES AND REGULATIONS (REFTEL B) AND A COPY OF THE U.S. DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS (REFTEL C). MOVCHAN PROMISED TO DELIVER THEM IMMEDIATELY TO HIS COLLEAGUE ROMANOV.

4. EMBOFF ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO VOICE USG CONCERN WITH PESSIMISM EXPRESSED BY SOME COUNTRIES REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR CARACAS CONFERENCE (REFTEL D), TO OUTLINE OUR MORE OPTIMISTIC VIEW, AND TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT USSR WILL JOIN WITH US AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AT LEAST AN OUTLINE AGREEMENT AT CARACAS. MOVCHAN REPLIED THAT USSR WILL DO ITS BEST TO PRODUCE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME AT CARACAS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO CLOSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. TO THIS END. IN THIS, HE SHOWED SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISM THAN HIS SUPERIOR, DEPFONMIN S.P. KOZYREV, WHO HAS OVERALL MFA RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL LAST WEEK KOZYREV STRESSED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES AND SAID THAT MUCH WOULD HAVE TO BE LEFT TO THE VIENNA MEETING IN 1975.

5. ON LEAVING, EMBOFF ASKED MOVCHAN IF THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY THAT O. N. KHLESTOV, WHO NOW HEADS SOVIET MBFR DELEGATION, WOULD RETURN TO HIS LOS RESPONSIBILITIES BY THE TIME OF THE CARACAS MEETING. MOVCHAN SAID THAT, WHILE KHLESTOV WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO, THE CHANCES ARE NOT VERY GOOD.
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